THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATARYA): (a) and (b) There has been a general demand from various quarters including Mayors and the State Ministers for creating a new civic culture in the country. The Constitution (74th Amendment) Act, 1992 seeks to bring about needed reforms in the municipal governance. The State Governments are already taking action to implement agenda relating to urban sector reforms which will ultimately lead to creating a new civic culture in the country.

(c) and (d) At present, no such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.

Additions and Alterations in Lutyen's Government Bungalows

1704. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIAION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large-scale additons and alterations have been carried out in most of the Lutyen type Government bungalows in New Delhi, so as to change their very nature and character; and

(b) if so, the number of such bungalows and what percentage of their total number of Lutyen type bungalows in Delhi do these constitute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATARYA): (a) No, Sir. However, some additions/alterations have been carried out in some bungalows by CPWD as per LBZ guidelines in force and after evolving proper design merging with the nature and character of the bungalows.

(b) Not applicable in view of reply (a) above.

Approval of Unauthorised Colonies

1705. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it would be justified if approval of unauthorised colonies would be done without establishing the date when these colonies actually came into existence;